## Please Join the Illinois Human Rights Commission



**January 13, 2020** 

**Duration:** 12:00 pm—1:00 pm

**Please bring your lunch** 

## Locations:

Chicago—James R. Thompson Center, Room 09-040 Springfield—Stratton Office, Room 619 via videoconference

## **CLE Credit:**

One hour of general CLE credit for Illinois attorneys (pending)

Presenter—Steven Andersson, Commissioner
Illinois Human Rights Commission
"On Account of Sex"

An Update on the Equal Rights Amendment, possible passage and its impact on Human Rights in Illinois

## **Biography**

Steve Andersson is a Commissioner of Human Rights for the State of Illinois appointed by Illinois' Governor JB Pritzker. He is also a retired member of the Illinois House of Representatives. During his tenure, he was floor leader for the House Republican Caucus and oversaw all debate on the House floor. In addition, Representative Andersson led a bi-partisan initiative to end the longest state budget impasse in US history, overriding the veto of his own Republican Governor in order to do so.

During his last session in the Illinois House, Representative Andersson was the Chief Republican Sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment and successfully passed the amendment making Illinois the 37th to pass the ERA. Since passage of the ERA in Illinois, representative Andersson has traveled the country advocating for passage in one more state. He has traveled to Virginia, Arizona, Florida, Missouri, New York, Utah and Washington D.C. and continues his advocacy to this day. He has also published on the topic of passage of the ERA in the N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change and has written numerous opinion-editorials on the subject.

He has been a practicing lawyer since 1992 and is licensed to practice in Illinois, the 7th Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.